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**Amendments to the Title:**

Please amend the title of the invention to ENCODING AND DECODING  
ALPHANUMERIC DATA.

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please insert the following heading and paragraph after the title of the application on page 1 of the specification:

**--Cross Reference to Related Application**

This application is the National Phase application of International Application No. WO 2005/083640, filed March 1, 2005, which designates the United States and was published in English. This application, in its entirety, is incorporated herein by reference.--